

**South Dakota Risk Pool Governing Board
Governor's Small Conference Room
Tuesday December 11, 2007**

The meeting of the South Dakota Risk Pool Governing Board began at 1:00 PM. The meeting commenced with a short welcome by Co-chairman Tom Martinec. Board members in attendance were Tom Martinec, Dave Hewett, Randy Moses, Dennis Studer and Janet Griffin via conference call. Others in attendance were Kathi Mueller, Sandra Zinter, Melissa Kusser and Jill Kruger.

Dr. Rost, Larry Kucker, and Deb Prange from Health Care Medical Technology, Inc. were invited to attend. The Board received copies of HCMTI's FY07 Annual Report for the Risk Pool. Dr. Rost reviewed services performed by the company including utilization review, case management, pre authorizations and disease management. Randy Moses inquired about the participation requirements for the weight management program as they appeared to have changed in the last several years. HCMTI shared specific examples of cost savings as well reporting on high cost claimants. Dr. Rost also mentioned recommendations for pre authorization of all out of state visits, pill splitting and step therapy pharmacy programs.

Randy Moses mentioned he recently spoke with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the Risk Pool's Disease Management programs. CMS staff expressed concern about the mandatory participation requirement. Randy explained compliance did not require improved health conditions. Members were compliant if they followed the steps of the programs as monitored by the disease management company.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the October 18, 2007 board meeting minutes. Dave Hewett made a motion to approve and Dennis Studer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

For the administrator's reports, Mary Keeler, BFM, joined the meeting to present the November 30, 2007 financials. It was reported the Governor approved additional general funds appropriations of \$50,000 for FY08 and FY09. Sandra Zinter indicated BOP would be requesting an additional FTE. Jill Kruger presented new administrative reports which included medical and pharmacy expenditure breakdowns, pharmacy utilization, PMPM costs and an enrollment duration chart. The Board made several suggested changes or additions to the reports and agreed they should be used in the future. Janet would review the trend charts and let the group know if additional information should be looked at and Dave requested enrollment tracking for SB 200 individuals. Randy Moses made a motion to approve the financial reports and Dave Hewett seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis Studer provided an update on subcommittee topics. The committee had met in November and selected areas to further research. The Division of Insurance will assist in obtaining information regarding federal funds, revenue, and plan designs. The Bureau of Personnel will work on expenses/contracts, medical management, high cost claimants and plan designs. Regarding revenue, it was noted carrier assessments have remained flat since 2003 and any

change would require legislation. The Risk Pool has just begun three year contracts for medical management and third party administration.

Melissa Kusser had previously provided final draft copies of the FY07 Legislative Annual Report. Dave Hewett made a motion to approve with style and form changes as requested. Dennis Studer seconded and the motion carried.

Jill Kruger requested consideration be given to the process under which persons may be considered eligible under SB 200. The Board reported when the SB 200 eligibility criteria was first introduced, the different processes for enrolling eligible persons were reviewed. This information could be reviewed again based upon the experience in the first two rounds of offering.

The next meeting will be scheduled after legislative session, in March or April. The Legislative Annual Report will be presented during session and Board members will be available to answer questions.

Dennis Studer made a motion to adjourn, Randy Moses seconded and the motion carried.